

ISLAND PARK WOODLANDS HOME OWNER'S ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

WINTER | 2014-2015

2013-2015 IPW HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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HOA DUES ARE TO BE PAID BY: JUNE 1ST only \$120 ANNUALLY

To continue to keep our HOA dues low, we do not send out invoices, so please be responsible and mail your HOA dues each year to us at:

IPW HOA 16960 Alico Mission Way Suite #102-105 Fort Myers, FL 33908

Letter from the President

Well, another year is here! Did 2014 go by as fast for you as it did for me? I hope it was a great year for everyone and I certainly hope 2015 is just as good if not better!

I always want to thank my fellow board members and neighbors that step up to the plate and donate their time and energy with helping make the Woodlands the best community on Island Park Road!

Looking back over 2014, I believe we accomplished quite a bit together. Our biggest achievement was in getting the votes needed to resurface the tennis court. What a great asset it has become in just the few months since it has been finished! Who knew we'd be playing more pickleball than tennis? Thanks to long time resident Jim Osterling for taking the time to teach us what this silly-named sport is all about! For those of you that don't have tennis court keys yet, hang tight. We will be changing the existing court lock to match the boat ramp lock so we will only have to deal with 1 key for both our assets. An email will go out once the change has been made.

Trick or Treating was a fun time this year too! I noticed that neighbors tended to group up and have fun while handing out candy to the kids. We had some great Halloween decorated homes too!! We also had a lot of homes that decorated for the Christmas season too! Check out the Halloween and Christmas pictures on our Facebook page!

If you are interested in being on the board or would like to suggest a resident you think would be interested, please email us at info@IPWHOA.org. We are always looking for new board members. Being on the board entails attending 4-5 board meetings a year, each lasting about an hour. Please consider getting involved. It really isn't that much work, but it is so important for our community to have a strong association.

SUGCESTIONS: If you have any suggestions for improving our community, website or newsletter please let us know!

NEW MAIL BOX ADDRESS: We have a new mailing address (see black box on left). Please make note of it so when you mail in your dues in June it will make it to the right place!

Please refer to your Woodland's website and Facebook page for the latest news and updates.

Here's To An Awesome 2015 for Everyone!!!

Maria Tunis President IPW HOA

Welcome To Our Newest Residents!

Sending a warm welcome to our newest residents! We are so happy you have decided to make Island Park Woodlands your new home.

Patrick & Jean Lyden | 6012 Macbeth • Michael & Audrey Koch | 6067 Perthshire

Regina & Marcel Anastasio | 6043 Swords • Brittany Hanna & Tony Laviano | 17552 Taylor

Jamie Simmons | 17612 Taylor • Robert & Victoria Gillespie | 6048 Birnam Woods Ln

Ralph & Sandy Shaw | 6052 Lake Grasmere • Linda & Vernon Choate | 6037 Swords

Current Homes For Sale

We thought it would be a good idea to list the homes in our neighborhood that are currently for sale. Did you know that we have several neighbors where the parents and their grown children each own a home in the Woodlands? What a better way to ensure our neighborhood remains safe!

6022 Lake Grasmere | 6016 Lake Grasmere | 6042 Perthshire | 17553 Taylor Dr | 6073 Macbeth

 $(status \ of \ homes \ as \ of \ this \ mailing, \ things \ sell \ fast \ here! :))$

The Woodland's Tennis Court is Back!

WOW ... what an amazing transformation! We turned an eye sore into a beautifully resurfaced blue and green tennis court, pickleball court and small basketball court. If you have not had the time to visit the new court, I encourage you to do so! It is beautiful. You can see pictures of the complete resurfacing process on our Facebook Page (www.Facebook.com/IPWHOA).



On Saturday, October 11th we had a "re-opening" of the tennis court and found out that Pickleball was the preferred game of the day. It's a funny name for a lively racket game for ALL AGES & ABILITIES!

WHAT IS PICKLEBALL?

Well ... it's like racket ball, wiffle ball and ping pong all merged into one game and played on a badminton-sized court.

THE EQUIPMENT:

A PADDLE - made of wood or high-tech aerospace materials | BALL - Similar to a wiffle ball, but slighly smaller

THE BASIC RULES OF PLAY:

The ball is served diagonally (starting with the right-hand service-square), and served underhand with the paddle below the waist, server must keep one foot behind the back line while serving. The ball is hit into the air without being bounced. Points can only be scored by the side that serves.

Players on each side must let the ball bounce once before volleys are allowed, and there is a seven-foot no-volley zone (referred to as "the kitchen") on each side of the net, to prevent "spiking." The server continues to serve, alternating service courts, until he or she faults. In doubles the serve is then passed on to their team-mate and as

long as they are winning the plays they keep scoring. When they fault, the serve transfers to the other team and they also share in serving until they fault.



The first side scoring eleven points and leading by at least two points wins.

Pickleball can be played with singles or doubles.

So get your equipment and come out and play! You will see a dedicated few out there in the early hours of the morning! Stop by and learn!







Treasurers Report

Treasurer, Leo Lorden, reported the following at our December 2nd HOA Meeting:

Bank Account Balance:	\$23,755.73
CD:	\$ 5,293.90
Total:	\$29,049.63
Past Dues:	\$ 5,400

Please help us by paying your dues on time. For those behind, please contact us to make payment arrangements to get caught up as soon as possible.

Neighbor News

Our Deepest Sympathies

Tom Stonebock (wife, Marty) of Taylor Dr., passed away in July of ALS.

Greg Kerns (wife, Carole) of Birnam Wood Lane passed away this past December from cancer.

On the Mend ...

Frank Eicher (Boat Club Dr.) is getting back on his feet after hip surgery. Great to see you out walking again! :)

Welcome Mew Baby ...

Big welcome to baby Zander (June 29, 2014), grandson of April & Andrew Kerinuk (Taylor Dr.). Mom, Ashlyn, and Zander are doing great!

Happy 90th Birthday ...

Nancy Lee's (Blackfriar Dr.) mother Gwen turned 90 in November. Congrats Gwen and here's to many more!

If you know of any neighbor in our community who is ill or has passed away, please contact us via email at info@IPWHOA.org or contact one of the board members so we can reach out to the families to see how we can be of help.

We also like to send Congratulations on milestones as well! (Baby's, Grandbabies, Anniversary's, Milestone Birthdays, etc.)

Basketball Goal

After resurfacing the tennis court this year, we decided to hold off on completing the small, 1/2 court basketball court. The key line was added, but we have yet to get a basketball goal installed.

We do have an awesome offer from a resident. Anyone that would like to donate to the cause, he will match funds from his own pocket to help get the goal purchased sooner than later! If you are interested in donating to the cause, send check to IPWHOA at address on front and mark it BBALL DONATION. Thanks in advance!

Thinking of Volunteering??

The job of a board member on an HOA is most often referred to as "thankless." It takes time to become familiar with the budgets, by-laws, rules and restrictions, and what has transpired prior to your involvement. I have to tell you that since joining and stepping up I have had a fun time behing involved with the projects.

Every June we elect new board members. Won't you think about putting your name in the ring?

Ten Reasons To Volunteer To Serve On Your Homeowner's Association Board

There are many reasons why homeowners volunteer to be a part of your Board of Directors. Below are 10 reasons to Volunteer for your Board of Directors. Our community is constantly looking for dedicated and talented homeowners to join our Board of Directors. Give it a shot!

Why volunteer to be on the Board?

- 1. To protect your property values and maintain the quality of life you expect in your community.
- 2. To correct a problem within your community. Perhaps speeding cars, noise, pets, etc are issues, or maintenance that has been neglected.
- 3. To give back to your community and neighbors.
- 4. To be sociable, meet your neighbors, and make friends.
- 5. To advance your career and build your personal resume by including your leadership capacity and community volunteer service.
- 6. To have fun accomplishing things around your community together with your neighbors. Being on the Board doesn't always have to be negative.
- 7. To get educated on the many facets of running a community association such as; the many laws and regulations, maintenance and repair, and understanding financials.
- 8. To express yourself and be creative while offering your opinion on solutions to your communities day to day concerns.
- 9. To earn recognition from your peers for your contributions to the community.
- 10. To advance the 'givers gain' mentality of improving society as a whole while assisting your neighbors throughout the community.

As you can see, joining your Community Association Board of Directors can be rewarding in many ways. Give it a try!

If you are interested in having your name added to the upcoming June, 2015 ballot, please send me an email at <u>info@</u> <u>IPWHOA.org</u>.

Keep in mind, you aren't running for a specific office, you are simply saying that you want to be a board member and help out. After election takes place the current board of directors (newly added too) choose officers. If you are elected, you will serve a 2 year term.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:



Meetings start at 7:00p sharp (unless otherwise noted)! Doors will be closed at start of meeting to eliminate disruptions, so be 5 minutes early please. Dates subject to change.

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March 3 | Green's House | 17569 Moorfield Dr **June 6** | Common Area (end of Boat Club by Ramp/Tennis Court) **September 1** | Lorden's House | 17536 Taylor Dr **December 1** | Tunis House | 17508 Boat Club Dr

AUI AOA meetings are open to all residents that are members in good standing of the association. If you are unsure of your status, please contact us at info@ipwhoa.org with your name, phone number and address and we can confirm your status.

WISHING ALL WOODLANDIANS A HAPPPY NEW YEAR!

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A HUGE THANK YOU ADAMS COMMERCIAL DIVING!!

Over the past several years our dock at the boat ramp has needed a little TLC due to the pilings settling. Owners, Scott & Pete Adams took it upon themselves to scope out the situation and make the needed repairs. They releveled the corner that was low and brought it up approximately 4 inches and installed all new hardware too! They did this on their own nickle, donating 100% of their time and materials! A great way to show our appreciation, in my



opinion, is to refer them to your friends and businesses that have dock needs! They can be reached at **239-246-9159** or visit their website to see all the services they offer! **WWW.AdamsCommercialDiving.com**

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If you have an email address and would like to stay current with what's going on in the Woodlands, please email us your email address and we will be happy to add you to the list. We send out 1 -2 emails a month.

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